

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-59 are pending in the present application. Claim 20 was amended, and claims 58 and 59 were added. This application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following comments.

I. 35 U.S.C. § 101

The Examiner has rejected claims 20-38 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

During a telephone conversation with the Examiner on September 28, 2006, the Examiner advised that amendment of claim 20 to recite a computer program product in "computer storage media" would result in allowance of claims 20-38. Claim 20 has now been amended to positively recite "A computer program product in a computer storage medium having a first computer readable program..." Claim 20, as amended, accordingly, fully satisfies the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 101, and should be allowable in its present form together with dependent claims 21-38.

New claims 58 and 59 have been added to more fully protect Applicants' invention. These claims also depend from claim 20 and are allowable in their present form, at least by virtue of their dependency.

Therefore, the rejection of claims 20-38 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 has been overcome.

II. Conclusion

The subject application is now believed to be in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the Examiner so find and issue a Notice of Allowance in due course.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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